CONCERNING
Revelation, Prophecy, MEASURE and RULE, AND THE Inſpiration and Sufficicney OF THE SPIRIT.

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The Juſt ſhall live by Faith; but if any draw back, my Soul has no Pleaſure in them, ſaith the Lord, Hebr. 10. 38.

The Wiſe ſhall inherit Glory; but Fools diſhonour, though they be exalted, Prov. 3. 35.

And the Jews *marvelled, ſaying, How knoweth this Man Letters, having never learned? Jeſus anſwered them, and ſaid, My Doctrine is not mine, but his that ſent me: If any man will do his Will, he ſhall know of the Doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I ſpeak of my ſelf,* John 7. 15,16,17.

So the Letter-profeſſing and Learned *Chriſtians* and *Jews* muſt do God's Will, if they will know Chriſt's Doctrine; and that muſt be done by the ſame Spirit, as the Apoſtles were in, that through it they may mortifie the Deeds of the Fleſh, and take up the Croſs daily, and follow Chriſt (and deny themſelves) who reveals the Father to them, if they will know him or his Doctrine, that did the Will of God.

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CONCERNING REVELATION

NOW unto all you that cry so much against *Revelation*, that go under the Name of *Christians*, hear what Christ Jesus saith in *Mat.* 11.27. and in *Luke* 10.22. *All things are given unto me of my Father: No man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.*

Now here it is clear by Christ's own words, you that deny Revelation, know not the Son nor the Father; for *No man knoweth the Son, but the Father*; [Mark, No man] *neither knoweth any man the Father, but the Son, and he to whom the Son revealeth him.* So its clear, the Son must reveal himself and his Father to People, if they know them; and they are not known but by Revelation; and they that deny Revelation, deny that which reveals both Son and Father.

And therefore take heed you Wicked Ones, that deny Revelation; for its said in *Job* 20. 27. *The Heaven shall reveal his Iniquity, and the Earth shall rise up against him.* And therefore take heed, lest the Hea-

ven reveal your Iniquity, and the Earth riſe up againſt you, that deny Revelation.

And it is ſaid in *Jeremiah* 33. 6. *Behold, ſaith the Lord, I will give it Health* (to wit, Jeruſalem) *and Amendment, and I will cure them, and will Reveal unto them the abundance of Peace and Truth.* Now this Amendment, and this Health, and this abundance of Peace and Truth hath the Lord Revealed, and given unto us, bleſſed be his Name forever; and you will want it that deny Revelation.

And you that deny God's Revelation, deprive your ſelves of this Peace and Truth, Amendment and Health, though you have the Form of Godlineſs, and deny the Power and Spirit that ſhould Reveal.

And *Nebuchadnezar*, he did not deny Revelation, though a *Heathen*; but acknowledges *Daniel*'s Revelation, and acknowledged the God of Truth, and that *He was the Revealer of Secrets*: And are not you darker then *Nebuchadnezar*, that profeſs your ſelves *Chriſtians*, and yet deny Revelations now adayes, and are them that would limit the Son and God, and ſay, that *There is no Revelation to be looked for now adayes*; then there is no looking for the Knowledge of God now adayes: For there is no Knowledge of him but as the Son Reveals him, who is the ſame to day as yeſterday, and ſo forever; and is known by Revelation now, as formerly, which we witneſs.

And the Apoſtle *Paul* did not preach Chriſt until the Son was Revealed in him, *Gal.* 1. 15, 16. where he ſaith, *It pleaſed God to ſeparate him from his Mother's Womb,*

womb, and call him by his Grace, to reveal his Son in him, that he might preach him. So all you that deny Revelation, you preach before the Son of God be revealed in you to preach him. And ſo, *He that hath not the Son, hath not Life*, ſaith the Apoſtle *John*. And *Know you not how that Jeſus Chriſt is in you, except ye be Reprobates*, ſayes *Paul*; and bids them *examin themſelves* in 2 *Cor.* 13. and this Revelation we witneſs.

And whereas you may object and ſay, *Secret things belong to the Lord, but the things revealed belong to us, &c.*

But you muſt ſee what thing is revealed to you, & to your Children; for was not the Law revealed to *Moſes*? & did not the *Jews* by the Spirit of God underſtand it, and knew it ſo? and the Lord revealed himſelf to *David*, 2 *Sam.* 7. 27. and the Lord revealed himſelf to *Samuel*, as in 1 *Sam.* 3. 21. and God is the ſame, and changes not.

And in *Iſa.* 40. 5. he ſaith, *The Glory of the Lord ſhall be Revealed, and all Fleſh ſhall ſee it together, the Mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken it.* [Mark] All Fleſh ſhall ſee this Revelation. And you that deny Revelation, how can you ſee this Glory of the Lord without Revelation, which the Mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken? [Mark] *The Glory of the Lord ſhall be Revealed*; it was to come: And they that ſee this Glory of the Lord, muſt know it by Revelation, as the Lord hath ſpoken, and which we witneſs.

And in *Iſa.* 53. 1. *Who will believe our Report? and to whom is the Arm of the Lord revealed?* Now, can

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any know the Arm of the Lord, and believe that Report of him, but as it is revealed; and as it is revealed, they will know the Powerful Arm of the Lord, which we witneſs.

And in *John* 12.38. where was the fulfilling of the Prophet *Iſaiah*'s Propheſie, who ſaid, *Lord, who hath believed our Report*? therefore it is ſaid, *He hath blinded their Eyes, and hardned their hearts.* And therefore, are not your Hearts hardned, and your Eyes blinded, that deny the Revelation of the Son of God? And your belief is but like the *Phariſees*, in the Letter, that ſtand againſt the Revelation of the Son of God, who is the Foundation, and the Rock of this Age, as of the former Ages.

And in *Iſa.* 56. 1. *Thus ſaith the Lord, Keep ye Judgment and do Juſtice, for my Salvation is at hand to come, and my Righteouſneſs to be Revealed* [Mark, to be Revealed] Now, can any know God's Salvation, or his Righteouſneſs, but by the Revelation of the Son? (Chriſt ſaith, *they cannot*) And they that do know Salvation, and the Righteouſneſs revealed, muſt keep Judgment and do Juſtice; and they that do not, will deny Revelation, and true Judgment and Juſtice.

And Chriſt ſaith in *Mat.* 10. 26. *There is nothing covered that ſhall not be revealed, nor hid that ſhall not be known.* Now, are not all things covered and hidden unto you until they be revealed? [Mark Revealed] And how do you know any thing, but by Revelation? For, are not all things covered and hidden from you, before they are revealed? And herein

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we witneſs Chriſt hath the Glory, who reveals himſelf and the Father: And they that deny Revelation, know nothing as they ought to know, but follow their own ſpirits, and ſee nothing.

And doth not the Apoſtle ſay in 1 *Cor.* 2. 9. *The things which Eye hath not ſeen, nor Ear heard, neither came it into man's Heart, which God hath prepared for them that love him; but God hath Revealed them unto us by his Spirit.* Therefore can ye know any thing of the Things of God, which God hath prepared for them that love him, which can neither be ſeen nor heard but by the Revelation of God's Spirit?

And the Apoſtle (moreover) ſaith, *The things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.* [Mark] No man knoweth the Things of God, but by the Spirit of God, which was in the Apoſtles, which revealed the things of God to them, which now alſo muſt Reveal the things of God to People, if they know them, which we witneſs.

And are not ye the Miniſters of the Letter only, that deny the Revelation of the Spirit of God, that the Apoſtles were in, to be expected now adayes? Therefore you will never know the things of God, but by his Spirit of Revelation, no man of you all.

See 1 *Cor.* 2. 10, 11, 14. *For the natural man perceives not the things of God, they are Fooliſhneſs to him, neither can he know them, becauſe they are ſpiritually diſcerned.* And [Mark] that ſpiritual Diſcerning muſt be with the Spirit that Reveals them, which was

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that the Apostle was in, and we witness; and you say, *ye have it not, and it must not be looked for now adayes.*

And Christ saith in *Mat.* 11. 25, 26. and in *Luke* 10.21, *I thank thee, O Father, Lord God of Heaven and Earth, because thou hast hid these things from the Wise Learned Men of Understanding, and hast revealed them unto Babes, even so Father because it so pleaseth thee.* Is it not so now? Is not the Revelation of the Son hidden from the Wise, and the Learned, and Men of Understanding? And do not many of them make a Mock at it? But Jesus rejoyced in Spirit, and thanks God for this Revelation, as you may see in *Luke*, which he had Revealed to Babes, which were the Learners of him; and he doth the same still, though it is hid from your Eyes: And this we and many Babes can Praise God for this Revelation of his Son in us, though many of you make a Mock at it.

And in *Mat.* 16. 16, 17. Peter said, *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God: Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou* Simon *the Son of* Jona, *for Flesh and Blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven.* [Mark] Flesh and Blood had not Revealed, that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, unto *Peter*, but the Father, which is in Heaven.

And you that deny Revelation now adayes, can any of you know Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, without the Son or the Father Reveal him, which is in Heaven? Nay. And if you say Yea,

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are not you such, that are Thieves and Robbers, and climb up another Way then by the Door Christ? For Christ tells you, *No Man knows the Father, but by Revelation,* and is not all your talking of Christ but Imagination, and the Revelation of Flesh and Blood that deny the Revelation of the Son of God by his Spirit.

And in *Luke* 2. 26. *Simeon* who was a Just Man, and waited for the Consolation of *Israel*, and the holy Ghost was upon him, & the Revelation was given him of the holy Ghost, that he should not see Death before he had seen the Lord Jesus Christ, which Revelation was fulfilled in the same Chapter.

And now can any see the Lord Jesus Christ, but by the Revelation of the holy Ghost? or can any call him Lord, but by the holy Ghost?

Now the *Pharisees* had the Scriptures of the Old Testament, as you have of the New. These wise learned Men, that had their *Hebrew*, *Greek* and *Latine*, who made a great talk that Christ was to come then, as you do now, that he is come, but it is clear as Christ saith, *you nor none can know him, but by Revelation*, as *Peter*, and *Paul*, and *Simeon* knew him by Revelation, and the rest of the Disciples which Christ calls Babes. Nay further, in *Luke* 2. 32. *Simeon* saith speaking of Christ, that *he was a Light to be revealed to the* Gentiles, *and the Glory of my People* Israel.

And now mark all ye that stumble so much about Christ, the Light which lighteth every one that cometh into the World, who is the Glory of *Israel*;

it seems Christ the Light is not revealed to you, your Darkness cannot comprehend it, which we witness and believe in, and see this Glory of *Israel*, and so are become Children of the Light: And so you are them that stumble at the Light at Noon Day, and at Revelation, for all your Learning and Knowledge of Tongues, Wisdom and Understanding; this Light to be revealed to the *Gentiles* you stumble at, which is revealed, we witness, blessed be the Lord forever, to wit, Christ Jesus the Light, which lighteth every one that cometh into the World.

And you may see Christ was revealed to old *Hannah* the Prophetess when she was eighty four Years old, and she confessed Christ and spake of him to all that looked for Redemption in *Jerusalem*.

And in *Luke* 17. 30. *In the Day when the Son of man shall be revealed* (to wit) *from Heaven*. And in 2 *Thes.* 1. 7, 8. *When the Lord Jesus Christ shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty Angels in flaming Fire, rendring Vengeance unto them that know not God, and which obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which shall be punished with everlasting Perdition from the Presence of the Lord, and from the Glory of his Power, when he shall come to be glorified in his Saints, and to be made marvellous in all them that believe.* Now you that deny Revelation, and say Revelation is ceased, and must not be looked for nowadayes, consider this, the Revelation of Jesus from Heaven in flaming Fire, rendering Vengeance upon all them that know not God, and obey not his Gospel, the Power of God: And Christ tells you, that you do not know God nor the Son,

Son, but by Revelation, therefore consider what a Condition you are in; for in the Dayes of Christ in his Flesh, he was known by Revelation; and after his Resurrection and Coming again, it is by Revelation that he is known, as you may read, 2 *Thes.* 1. and *Luke* 17. And the Apostle saith in *Rom.* 1. 17. *The Righteousness of God is revealed from Faith to Faith, as it is written, the Just shall live by Faith; for the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all Ungodliness and Unrighteousness of Men, which hold the Truth in Unrighteousness.* Now you that deny Revelation, and say that Revelation is ceased now adayes, you cannot know the Righteousness of God, which is revealed from Faith to Faith; neither can you know the true Faith by which the Just lives, but by Revelation, then you are not like to preach it, which we witness. And do not you think ye must know the wrath of God revealed from Heaven against all Ungodliness and Unrighteousness of Men, which hold the Truth in Unrighteousness? And what do you hold the Truth of the Prophets, and Christ, and the Apostles in, but in Unrighteousness? who say, you have not the same Power and Spirit which the Prophets and Apostles had, be sure this Revelation of his Wrath will come upon you.

And in *Rom.* 8. 18. *I count the Afflictions of this present time are not worthy of the Glory which shall be revealed in us*: Now mark, this Glory was to be revealed, which was not then revealed, but it shall be revelead, therefore can you be Partakers of any of this Glory, but by Revelation? for the fervent De-

fire of the Creature waiteth when the Sons of God ſhall be revealed. Now mark, doth any know this State of the Sons of God, but by the Revelation of God? If you ſay you do, you know it by another Spirit and Way then the Apoſtles did, which cannot be the true Birth, but the Birth born of the Fleſh, which will perſecute him that is born of the Spirit, which we have felt ſufficiently of.

And in 1 *Cor.*3.13. Hear you that deny Revelation, what the Apoſtle ſaith, *Every Man's Work ſhall be made manifeſt; for the Day ſhall declare it, becauſe it ſhall be revealed by Fire, and the Fire ſhall try every Man's Work of what Sort it is.* And do you think you can deny this Revelation by Fire? that will try every man's Work of what Sort it is: This Day and Revelation by Fire is not yet come to you that deny Revelation (for your Works are not ſo tried) which Day will come.

And 1 *Cor.* 14. 29, 30. *Let the Prophets ſpeak, two or three, and let the other judge, and if any thing be revealed to another that ſitteth by, let the firſt hold his Peace.* Now this was the Order in the Church of Chriſt. Now you that deny Revelation, which is an Office here in the Church, that People ſhould ſpeak or preach, or propheſie one after another what was revealed unto them, as the Apoſtle did and exhorted to, another ſhould hold his peace, this would be counted Diſorder among you that deny Revelation: So you ſpeak and preach that which was revealed to others, and not to your ſelves; ſo are not you as thoſe which uſed their Tongues and ſaid, thus ſaith

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the Lord, whom the Lord never ſpoke unto, but reproves ſuch.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in *Gal.* 3. 23. *But before Faith came we were kept under the Law, and ſhut up unto the Faith which ſhould afterwards be revealed.* Mark, you that deny Revelation now adayes, are not you ſhut up? can you have any true Faith, but by the Revelation of Chriſt, who is the Author and Finiſher of Faith? For doth not the Apoſtle ſay, that they themſelves were ſhut up under the Law, and unto the Faith which ſhould be afterwards revealed, and who reveals this Faith? is it not Chriſt, who is the Author and Finiſher of it? Therefore hath any one any true Faith but by Revelation, according to the Apoſtle's Doctrine? which we witneſs to the Glory of Chriſt.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in *Epheſ.* 3. 3, 5. verſes, *That God by Revelation hath ſhewed this Myſtery unto me, which in other Ages was not opened unto the Sons of Men, as it is now revealed unto the holy Apoſtles and Prophets by the Spirit.* Here you may ſee again, that which was revealed to the Prophets and Apoſtles by the Spirit of God, they declared, which was not opened to the Sons of Men before, but opened by the Revelation of the Spirit to them; here the Apoſtle owneth Chriſt's VVords, that the Father and the Son is known by Revelation. And you that deny Revelation now adayes follow your own Spirits, and ſee nothing, like the falſe Prophets of old, and follow not the Spirit that reveal'd that Myſtery to the Apoſtles, nor Chriſt, who doth reveal himſelf and the Father.

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And in 2 *Theſ.* 2. 3, 4. verſes, it is ſaid, *And that Man of Sin be revealed, even the Son of Perdition, that exalts himſelf above all that is called God, and ſits in the Temple of God: And now ye know what withholdeth, that he might be revealed in his Time, and then ſhall the wicked Man be revealed, whom the Lord ſhall conſume with the Spirit of his Mouth, and ſhall deſtroy with the Brightneſs of his Coming.* Now here the Apoſtle tells them, this Revelation was to come, and this Deſtruction upon this Son of Perdition that ſate in the Temple of God, and exalts himſelf above all that is called God; what Temple of God is this think you? Look within where this Man of Sin ſits: Are not the Saints the Temples of God, which own Revelation? But doth not he ſit in your Temples, and makes you deny this Revelation? the Son of Perdition that ſits in your Temple, and makes you deny the Revelation of the Son of God there, and exalts himſelf above all that is called God, and his Revelation in you, and tells you it is ceaſed, and you muſt look for no ſuch thing in your Age, and letteth here untill he be taken out of the Way. And can any one know this Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition (that is exalted above all that is called God, and ſits in his Temple) but by the Revelation of God's Spirit, as the Apoſtle was in? for the Apoſtle ſaith, *That which may be known of God is manifeſt in them, Rom.* 1. 19.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, then ſhall the wicked man be revealed, whom God ſhall conſume with the Spirit of his Mouth, and ſhall aboliſh with the Brightneſs of his Coming. Do you think that this Man of Sin

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in you, will let you own this Revelation of God to consume him? Nay, the Apostle saith, *Let no man deceive you by any means; for that Day shall not come except there be a Departing first, and that man of Sin be revealed, the Son of Perdition.*

So you that deny any Revelation to be now adays, do not you deceive People of that Day, and Revelation of the Son of Perdition, and the Revelation of the Son of God? but that Day of Revelation is come, blessed be the Lord that he is revealed, and you are discovered that deny Revelation: So it is plain by the Apostle's Words that you can neither know the Things of God, nor Christ, nor the Man of Sin, but by Revelation, and consider what Condition are you in, that say, there is no Revelation to be looked for now a dayes.

And *Peter* saith, 1 *Pet.* 1. 5. *Ye are kept by the Power of God through Faith unto Salvation, which is ready to be revealed in the last Time.* Now consider ye that deny Revelation; do not you deny the Faith and Salvation to them that are kept by the Power of God through Faith, which was to be revealed in the last Time? Doth any know Faith or Salvation, but by Revelation, as it is revealed in this our age, to as many as wait for his appearance? And the Apostle speaking of Christ, and of some searching the Scriptures, when or what time the Spirit which testified of Christ which was in them, should declare the Sufferings that should come unto Christ, and the Glory which should follow, unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves, but unto us (to wit) the

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Apoſtles, mark here, this was knownby Revelation, and can any know it think you without Revelation of the ſame Spirit (to wit) Chriſt and his Glory as in 1 *Pet.* 1. 5, 11. as it was revealed to them.

And in 1 *Pet.* 4. 13. *But rejoyce inaſmuch, as ye are Partakers of Chriſt's Sufferings, that when his Glory ſhall be revealed, ye may be glad and rejoyce.* Now mark, ye that deny Revelation, here is the Glory of Chriſt which ſhould be revealed, which ſhould glad and rejoyce the Saints, and you that deny Revelation, deny that Glory of Chriſt that glads and rejoyceth the Saints, that is to be revealed to them.

And in 1 *Pet.* 5. 1. *The Elders which are amongſt you, I beſeech, which am alſo an Elder, and a witneſs of the Sufferings of Chriſt, and alſo a Partaker of the Glory that ſhall be revealed* [mark] that ſhall be revealed, it was not then, ſo here was a Revelation of Glory to come. And you that deny Revelation to your ſelves and others now adayes, deny the Saints of their Glory that comes by Revelation, which the Saints then and we now do witneſs, bleſſed be the Lord forever. And your Denial of Revelation is little worth, if ye deny God, and Chriſt, and the Scriptures, and the things of God which are not known, but by Revelation of that Spirit the Apoſtles were in, and this we are VVitneſſes of.

And *Amos* 3. 7. *Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his Secrets to his Servants the Prophets.* And ye that deny Revelation now adayes, what will ye deny that God hath any Servants or Prophets now adayes? it ſeems that you are none of his Servants

vants nor Prophets that have none of God's Secrets revealed unto you, and deny Revelation; but his Servants must tell you, that God is the same that ever he was, and there is a God in Heaven that doth reveal Secrets, as you may see in *Daniel*'s Confession and the Apostles.

And the Apostle saith, *Rom.* 2. 5. *Thou after thy Hardness and Impenitent Heart heapest up unto thy self Wrath against the Day of Wrath, and Revelation of the Righteous Judgments of God.* This Revelation of the righteous Judgments of God, that Day you will know that deny Revelation; and that Day you must know by Revelation and Judgment.

And the Apostle saith in *Rom.* 16. 25. *Now to him that is of Power to stablish you according to my Gospel and Preaching of Jesus Christ, by the Revelation of the Mystery, which was kept secret since the World began.* Now you that deny Revelation, what, will ye make People believe that ye shall know the Mystery of Christ and his Gospel (which hath been kept secret since the World began) without Revelation? which the Apostle *Peter* saith, 1 *Pet.* 1. 12. *This Mystery was known by Revelation, which Gospel is the Power of God and came down from Heaven, Rom.* 1. 16. which is according to Christ's Words, *No man knoweth the Father but the Son and he to whom the Son reveals him.*

And ye may see in 1 *Cor.* 14. 26. *When the Church came together, such as had a Doctrine, a Tongue or Revelation, or Interpretation, let all things be done unto edifying.* So this was and is the Practice and Order in the Church of Christ, which he is the the Head

of (to wit) Revelation, which we witneſs, though ſome deny it.

And the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Galatians*, *Gal.* 1. 11, 12. *Now I certifie you Brethren, that the Goſpel which was preached by me was not after man; for neither received I it of Man* (mark) *neither was I taught it, but by the Revelation of Jeſus Chriſt.* Now all you that deny Revelation now adayes, do not you deny the ſame Goſpel which the Apoſtle preached, which Goſpel he ſaith, is the Power of God, *Rom.* 1. And then is not your Goſpel after Man? and have not you been taught it and received it of Man, that is, not taught it by the Revelation of Jeſus Chriſt; for the Goſpel being the Power of God, can any receive it but by the Revelation of Jeſus Chriſt? and do not they preach themſelves, and not the Goſpel, that deny the Revelation of the Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt now adayes? and the Apoſtle was learnt as well as any of you before he was converted, but he counted all that as Droſs and Dung to the Excellency of Chriſt which was revealed in him; ſo they that preach Chriſt's Goſpel to others, that have it by Revelation, Chriſt hath the Glory, though they may be perſecuted by them that deny Revelation, and have what they have from man.

And the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Epheſians*, *Epheſ.* 1. 17. *That the God of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the Father of Glory might give unto you the Spirit of Wiſdom and Revelation, through the Knowledge of him, that the Eyes of your Underſtandings might be enlightned, that ye may know what is the Hope of his Calling, and what is the Riches of his*

his glorious Inheritance in his Saints. Now here all you that deny Revelation may see what the Apostle prayes for, *the Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation, that their Eyes might be opened by this Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation;* & are not all your Eyes shut that deny Revelation, and see not the Hope of Christ's Calling, nor what is the Riches of his glorious Inheritance in his Saints, but mark, who might give People this Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory? To him was the Church and now is to look unto for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, by which their Eyes are enlightned, by which they know the Hope of their Calling, and the Riches of Christ's glorious Inheritance in his Saints. And you that deny the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation now in your time to your selves and others, are far off from praying for this Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, as the Apostle did to open your Hearers Eyes and Understandings, and your own: So in denying Revelation you keep both your own and theirs shut from that Glory the Saints did and do enjoy.

And in 1 *Pet.* 1. 13. in his general Epistle, *wherefore gird up the Loyns of your Minds, be sober, and trust perfectly in the Grace that is to be brought unto you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ,* mark, this the Saints were to do then, and so they are now to do the same, to have the Loyns of their Minds girded up, and to be sober, and to trust perfectly on the Grace that is brought unto them by the Revelation of Jesus Christ. So all that know this Grace, they know how they

received it by the Revelation of Jesus Christ; for *Grace and Truth comes by Jesus Christ*, as the Law did by *Moses*: And this is the Grace that brings Salvation, and which hath appeared to all men, and taught the Saints, though many there be that turn this Grace of God into Wantonness, and walk despightfully against the Spirit of Grace, and set up a Heap of Teachers after their own Lusts, from whence Wars arise, and then say Revelation is ceased in their day and time; but such the Loyns of their Minds are neither girded up, neither are they sober, nor trust perfectly on the Grace that is brought by the Revelation of Jesus, which the Saints then and we now do witness, blessed be his Name forever. Here you may see by the Apostle, that you do not know the Grace of Christ and his Gospel, but by Revelation. And *Peter* further speaks, that Christ was revealed unto them, & the Gospel which they preached by the holy Ghost, was sent down from Heaven, mark, was sent down from Heaven; and therefore where have you your Gospel now, that deny Revelation and say it is ceased.

And in *Rev.* 1. *The Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave unto* John, as you may see at large what the Revelations are in his Book, but you see nothing of them that deny the Spirit of Revelation now in your Dayes; and Christ saith, *He opens and no man shuts, and he shuts and no man can open: And no man in Heaven, nor in the Earth, nor under the Earth was able to open the Book, neither to look thereon, which made* John *to weep*, but it was said unto him, *Behold the Lyon which is of the Tribe of* Judah, *the Root of* David *hath obtained*

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to open the Book, and to loose the Seals thereof. Therefore all look unto him who opens the Book of the Law and the Prophets, and the Book of Conscience, and the Book of Life, that you may see your Names written therein; and reveals Grace, Faith, the Gospel, himself and the Father, and his Glory, and the things of God by his Spirit; so he is worthy to be waited upon (who reveals by his Spirit) and not upon them who deny Revelation: And likewise, who reveals unto you the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, who sits in the Temple of God, above all that is called God, whom he (to wit, Christ) will destroy; and also he reveals his Wrath, Judgments and Indignation upon all the disobedient, and such as hold the Truth in Unrighteousness, and not in the Spirit of Revelation that the Apostles were in; and such, as hold the Truth in Unrighteousness may plead for the Body of Sin and Death, and the old man with his Imperfections to the Grave where there is no Repentance, where they and he may be buried in the Lake together.

In 1 *Sam.* 3. 7. *Now* Samuel *yet did not know the Lord, neither yet was the Word of the Lord revealed to him, and the Lord revealed himself to* Samuel, ver. 21. so can you know the Word of the Lord, or the Lord, but as the Lord reveals it? or can you know the Father or the Son, but by Revelation, *Luke* 10. 22.

And in *Isa.* 40. 5. *The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed, all Flesh shall see it together.* Now can any see the Glory of the Lord, but by Revelation? *who hath believed our Report, and to whom is the Arm of the Lord*

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revealed. Now doth any know the Arm of the Lord, or believe the Report of Christ, but by Revelation. *Isa.* 53. 1. & *John* 12. 38. *For my Salvation is near to come, and my Righteousness to be revealed.* Now doth any know God's Salvation and his Righteousness, but as it is revealed, *Isa.* 56. 1. And Christ saith, *There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, nor hid that shall not be known, &c.* So are not you all covered, and the things of God hid from you that deny Revelation, *Mat.* 10. 26. And in *Luke* 2. The Thoughts of the Heart are revealed by Christ. And *Rom.* 1. 17. *Therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from Faith to Faith*; so ye neither know God's Righteousness nor Faith, but by Revelation. And in *Luke* 17. 30. *When the Son of Man shall be revealed.* And in *Rom.* 8. 18. the Apostle said, he reckoned all Sufferings as nothing to the Glory which should be revealed in them. And in 1 *Cor.* 2. 10. *And that which Ear hath not heard, nor Eye hath not seen, God hath revealed unto the Apostles, the deep things of God*: So the things of God are not known, but as they are revealed by his Spirit, and if any thing be revealed to another that sits by, let the first hold his Peace: So the Man of Sin, and the wicked one is not known, but as he is revealed; so you do not know the Word of Faith, the Light, the Glory of the Lord, the Arm of the Lord, Salvation, the Righteousness of God, the things of God, the Son, nor the Father, the Wrath of God, your own Thoughts, nor the man of Sin, the wicked one in your Temple, but as they are revealed; you do not know the Grace of God,

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but by Revelation, 1 *Pet.* 1. 13. nor you do not know the Myſtery which was kept ſecret ſince the World began, but by Revelation, *Rom.* 16. 25. neither do you know the righteous Judgments of God, but by Revelation, *Rom.* 2. 5. and though the *Jews* had the Scriptures, yet they knew not Chriſt the Word.

And the Goſpel the Apoſtle did not receive of man, nor by man, but by the Revelation of Jeſus Chriſt; *Gal.* 1. 12.

Now can you, or any man know this Goſpel the Power of God, that brings Life and Immortality to Light, but by Divine Revelation? And do not you that deny Revelation, deny the Coming of Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for Chriſt ſaith, *When the Son of man ſhall be reveal'd, that the World ſhould be doing as in the Dayes of* Noah, *&c. and when* Lot *went out of* Sodom, *Luke* 17. 30. And ſaith the Apoſtle, *when the Lord Jeſus ſhall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty Angels in flaming Fire, taking Vengeance upon all them that know not God, and that obey not the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, when he ſhall come to be glorified in his Saints.* And here again, you that deny Revelation, do not you deny the Lord Jeſus his being reveiled from Heaven with his mighty Angels, and glorified in his Saints, and are ſuch that know not God, that he will take Vengeance upon in flaming Fire; for how can you know God and Chriſt, but by Revelation, ſeeing Chriſt tells you, ye cannot know him nor his Father, but by Revelation, 2 *Theſ.* 1. 7, 8. verſes.

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Concerning ſuch as deny Propheſies in theſe Dayes, and ſay it is ceaſed now a dayes.

NOw in the time of the Prophets, they that were in the Form and not in the Power did forbid the Prophets to propheſie, who ſaid unto the *Seers, ſee not,* and to the *Prophets, propheſie not unto us Right things,* Iſa. 30. 10. *but ſpeak Flattering things unto us*: And there are too many of thoſe Speakers now adayes, that cannot abide true Prophecy, that will run and ſpeak and the Lord never ſent them, as you may ſee in *Jer.* 14. and ſuch as propheſie right things they cannot abide.

And in *Amos* 2. 12. *Ye*, to wit, profeſſing *Iſrael, commanded the Prophets not to Propheſie*; but profeſſing *Chriſtians* which are of the ſame Spirit without the Poſſeſſion, ſay it is ceaſed. And in *Joel* 2. 28. Saith the Lord, *I will pour out my Spirit upon all Fleſh* (It doth not ſay, upon ſome) *and your Sons and your Daughters ſhall propheſie*, mark, *ſhall*, this was to come to paſs, *and your old men ſhall dream Dreams, and your young men ſhall ſee Viſions; & alſo upon the Servants, and upon the Hand-maids in thoſe Dayes will I pour out my Spirit*, ſaith the Lord. So mark, here is *Servants, Hand-maids, Young-men, Old-men, Sons and Daughters*, the Lord hath promiſed he would pour out of his Spirit upon them; and are not all theſe to enjoy thoſe Promiſes, yea verily, God is faithful that hath promiſed it; for his

his Promiſes are yea, and amen in Chriſt. And was not this a fulfilling of (in *Acts* 2. 17.) to wit, the Prophecy of *Joel*, where the Apoſtle ſaith, *In the laſt Dayes ſaith the Lord, I will pour out my Spirit upon all Fleſh, and your Sons & Daughters ſhall propheſie, & your Young men ſhall ſee Viſions, and your old men ſhall dream Dreams, and on my Servants and Hand-maids will I pour out of my Spirit in thoſe Dayes, and they ſhall propheſie.* Now mark, ye that ſay Prophecy is ceaſed in your Dayes, is not the laſt Dayes, the Chriſtians Dayes (to wit) the Dayes of Chriſt? Is not he the *Firſt and the Laſt, the ſame to day as yeſterday and forever.* God's Servants and his Hand-maids that have his Spirit poured upon them, they will propheſie; and they that have God's Spirit poured upon them, Sons and Daughters will propheſie this ſpiritual Prophecy; and the Young Men and Old Men that have God's Spirit poured upon them, they have their Heavenly Viſions and Heavenly Dreams, and this we witneſs, though neither your Young Men, nor Old Men, Servants, nor Hand-Maids, Sons, nor Daughters, nor your ſelves, that ſay, Prophecy is ceaſed, & the ſame Spirit is not to be looked for now as the Apoſtles had, then you may ſay Faith & Grace is ceaſed, nor none of theſe have Viſions or Dreams, nor Prophecies; ſo do not you keep your People in Darkneſs, being in the Darkneſs your ſelves? but the Apoſtle ſaith, *they ſhall propheſie*; and *Philip* had Four Daughters which did propheſie, *Acts* 21. 9. that were Virgins, though your Virgins do not, but thoſe Virgins which witneſs God's Spirit, do, though you may be all amazed, and mock at it like the *Jews*, *Acts* 2. 11, 12.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in *Rom.* 12. 6. *Seeing then, that we have Gifts that are divers, according to the Grace,* (mark) *according to the Grace that is given unto us, whether we have Prophecy, let us propheſie according to the Proportion of Faith.* So here the Apoſtle doth not forbid it, and ſay it is ceaſed, as you do, but encourageth it in the Church, *Let us wait on the Office, he that teacheth on Teaching*, that is according to the Grace given to them *as God hath dealt to every man a Meaſure of Faith.*

And the Apoſtle ſaith, in 1 *Cor.* 13. 19. *And we propheſie in part, and when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part ſhall be aboliſht*; ſo here he was encouraging the Church to grow up unto a further Degree, both in Knowledge and Prophecy; but if there were that love among you, which he ſpeaks of in this Chapter, then thoſe things would be owned in their Places, and the Fulfilling thereof waited for, and their propheſying in part owned, which is denied by you in your day, therefore you are not like to grow up to a perfect ſtate, who deny that.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, 1 *Cor.* 1. 24, 29, 31. *Follow after Love, and covet ſpiritual Gifts, but rather that ye may propheſie; but if all propheſie, and there come in one that believeth not, and unlearned, he is rebuked of all men, and is judged of all, and the Secrets of his Heart are made manifeſt, and will fall down and worſhip God and ſay, God is in you of a Truth.* Now ſee this Office of prophecy in the Church, the Effect of it, *Let the Prophets ſpeak one or two, and let others judge; for ye may all propheſie one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted*, you that ſay, prophecy is ceaſed

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now adays amongſt you, then this Learning and this Comforting is ceaſed among you, and this Manifeſting the Secrets of mens hearts is ceaſed among you, and this Falling down and worſhipping God, and ſaying God is in you of a Truth, this is ceaſed among you that ſay prophecy is ceaſed; for this is the VVork and Effect of prophecy in the Church of Chriſt, which is the ſame to day as yeſterday, and ſo forever; but he that propheſies ſpeaks to men for Exhortation and to Edification, and for comfort. Now you that ſay prophecy is ceaſed in your Church now adayes, this edifying and ſpeaking to Men; and this Exhortation and Comfort is ceaſed; *but he that propheſieth*, ſaith the Apoſtle, *edifies the Church*; *for greater is he that propheſieth, then he that ſpeaketh with divers Tongues, wherefore Brethren covet to propheſie*; ſo you that ſay prophecy is ceaſed now adayes, the Edification is ceaſed then, and that is ceaſed which is greater then ſpeaking with divers Tongues, &c. and that is ceaſed alſo which the Brethren, the Church were to covet after (to wit) Prophecy, therefore how can you ſay, that you are either the true Church or true Miniſtry, that ſay Prophecy is ceaſed, which was for the comforting and Edification of the true Church?

And you may ſee in *Rev.* 11. 9. how the Kindreds and Tongues were againſt the two Witneſſes that propheſied, and when they had killed them, they made merry over them, and ſent their Gifts one to another, but they roſe again to their Torment; and ſo doth not the Teſtimony of Jeſus, the Spirit of

prophecy torment you now? And in 1 *Cor.* 11. 4. *Every man praying or propheſying with his Head covered, diſhonours his Head, and every woman praying or propheſying with her Head uncovered, diſhonours her Head.* So here you may ſee, here was men and women propheſying & praying in the Church, and *Hannah* was a Propheteſs, & *Huldah* and *Miriam* & *Debora* were Propheteſſes in the time of the Law, therefore the Apoſtle ſaith, 1 *Theſ.* 5. 20. *Deſpiſe not propheſying.* And do not you deſpiſe it in others, that ſay it is ceaſed? and may you not as well deny Prayer, as Prophecy, and ſay, Prayer is ceaſed, as you ſay Prophecy is ceaſed; for the Apoſtle joyns them together.

And in *Rev.* 19. 10. *For the Teſtimony of Jeſus is the Spirit of Prophecy,* ſaith *John the Divine,* mark all you that are called Chriſtians in the whole World, and ſay Prophecy is ceaſed in your Day and none muſt look for prophecy in your Day (mark well) is not the Teſtimony of Jeſus then ceaſed, the Spirit of Prophecy? & you have not the Teſtimony of Jeſus; for the Teſtimony of Jeſus is the Spirit of Prophecy, and ſo if Prophecy be ceaſed, then the Teſtimony of Jeſus is ceaſed among you, who live in an outſide profeſſion of the Saints Words; but did not all worſhip the Beaſt, and drink the Whore's Cup, but thoſe who kept the Faith, and Teſtimony of Jeſus, whoſe Names were written in the Book of the Lamb which was ſlain from the Foundation of the World?

And in *Hoſea* 9. 7. *The Prophet is a Fool, and the Spiritual Man is mad.* Thus did the profeſſing *Jews* eſteem the Lord's Prophets, and thus do the profeſſing Chriſtians now account the ſpiritual men mad, and the Prophet

Prophet a Fool. And in *Prov.* 31. 1. *The Words of King* Lemuel, *the Prophecy that his Mother taught him; What my Son; what, the Son of my Womb, and what the Son of my Desires; give not thy Strength unto Women, nor thy wayes, which is to Destroy Kings.* Here is the Prophecy which his Mother taught him; and is not this Prophecy to be learned of such as can teach it?

And the Apostle saith in 1 *Tim.* 4. 14. *Despise not the Gift that is in thee, which was given thee by Prophecy.* [Mark] Here was a Gift given to him by Prophesie. Now you that deny Prophecy, and say, *it is ceased*, what then, is the Gift ceased to you? then how can you follow the Practice of the Holy men of God?

And in 2 *Pet.* 1. 19. *But we also have a more sure Word of Prophecy, to which ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a Light that shines in a dark place, until the Day dawn, and the Day-star arise in your Hearts: For the Prophecy came not in old time by the Will of Man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the holy Ghost:* So first know this, *That no Prophesie of the Scripture is of any private Interpretation or Motion.* So now mark, you that say, *Prophecy is ceased*, then that Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, that Holy Ghost which moved them to speak them forth is ceased; and you make a Profession of them in the Will of Man, and your own Private Motions of that which came not by the Will of Man: and then you and your People have not this sure Word of Prophesie, which they do well that take heed unto, as unto a Light that shines in a dark place, untill the Day dawn, and the Day-star arise in their Hearts. Now, they do well that take

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heed unto this Light, that ſhines in a dark place, which is the ſure Word of Propheſie. Now you may ſay, that ſay Propheſie is ceaſed, *How long muſt we take heed unto it?* The Apoſtle and we tell you, *Until the Day dawn, and the Day-ſtar ariſe in your Hearts, ſo long you muſt take heed unto it.* Now, you do not do well, that do not take heed unto this ſure Werd of Prophecy; for they that do, do well; and they that do not, do ill.

And now People conſider, though it is the Principle of your Teachers to ſay, *Propheſie is ceaſed in your Dayes*; do you ever think to come to the Day-dawning, and the Day-Star ariſing in your Hearts, except ye do firſt take heed to this more ſure Word of Propheſie, as unto a Light that ſhines in the dark Place, (mark) take heed unto it, until the Day dawn, and the Day-ſtar ariſe in your Hearts.

And it is ſaid in 1 *Cor.* 12. 10. ſpeaking of the ſeveral Gifts in the Church, to one the working of Miracles, and to another Propheſie, and to another the Diſcerning of Spirits; but all theſe Gifts were from the one Spirit, and the Manifeſtation of the Spirit of God was given to every Man to profit withal; ſo no Man can profit, but in the ſame Spirit in which the Holy Men of God gave forth the Scriptures, which you have ſaid you have not the ſame, by which the ſeveral Gifts flowed from, ſo not the ſame Gifts nor Gift of Propheſie in your Church.

Now you may ſay, *The Law and the Prophets were until* John, which is true: But we tell you, there were Prophets after *John*, as well as before, as in the

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Act. 19. 6. when the holy Ghost came upon them, they prophesied.

And the Apostle saith, 1 *Tim.* 1. 18. *This Commandment commit I unto thee, Son* Timothy, *according to the Prophecyes that went before on thee, that thou by them should fight a good Fight* [Mark] should fight a good Fight, according to the Prophecyes which went before on him, having Faith and a good Conscience, which some have put away, and concerning Faith have made Shipwrack; and such may say *Prophesie is ceased, and a good Conscience too; and that Faith is ceased, that works by Love, which purifies the Heart, and gives Victory over the Body of Sin* (which they plead for to the Grave) amongst them that were amongst the Apostles: And then ye may say, *Revelation is ceased, and Grace is ceased, that brings Salvation, and the Knowledge of God and Christ* (which is by Revelation) *is Ceased.* But the Revelation of the Wrath and Judgments of God such will feel, which is to be revealed from Heaven against all that hold the Truth in Unrighteousness, and not in the Spirit of Revelation, that gave it forth.

And the Prophets, Apostles, and Christ himself did not suffer by their Persecutors as True Prophets; but were persecuted by them as False Prophets: Though the Persecutors then might get the Words of the True Prophets, as they have done since the Apostles dayes, that persecuted them that kept the Testimony of Jesus, the Spirit of Prophesie, and had the true Revelation of Jesus, they persecuted them as False Prophets, as their Fore-Fathers did the Prophets, Christ and the Apostle; and so they do

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now, who have not been in the Life and Spirit of the Prophets, Christ nor the Apostles, nor in their Power, so they were not in the Spirit that gave forth Scriptures, that persecuted Christ and his Apostles, neither are they now that do persecute.

And they that turned against *Moses* and the Prophets were Transgressors of the Law of God. So here you may see, that Birth that is born of the Flesh persecuted that Birth that is born of the Spirit, which had the Revelation of the Son of God, and kept the Testimony of Jesus. And are not you of the same Birth that say, *You have not the same Spirit as Christ and the Apostles had*; then are not you, by your own Judgment and Rule, none of his?

Now you that say, *Prophecy is Ceased*, the Apostle tells you, *That Greater is he that propheseth, then he that speaketh with Tongues.* So then the Greater is ceased among you.

And the Apostle tells the Church, *But he that propheseth, speaketh unto men to Edification, and to Exhortation, and to Comfort.* Now, you that call your selves *Apostles* and *Teachers*, and say, *Prophecy is ceased*, then Edification, Exhortation and Instruction is ceased amongst you.

And the Apostle saith, that *Prophecying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them that believe.* So may not you as well say, *Believing is Ceased*, as the *Service of God is Ceased.*

And again, the Apostle saith, *Ye may all Propheste one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.*

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So if propheſie be ceaſed among you, then this Learning is ceaſed, and this Comforting is ceaſed.

And again, the Apoſtle ſaith, *Wherefore Brethren, covet to Propheſie.* Now you are of another Mind, that ſay, *it is ceaſed in your Church*, as you may ſee in 1 *Cor.* 14. the Chapter throughout; for, if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

And alſo, the Apoſtle bids the *Theſſalonians, Quench not the Spirit.* And you tell us, *That you have not the ſame Spirit as they had in the primitive Times*: Then you may ſay, *How can you quench it, when you have it not?* Then with what do you read the Scriptures, but follow your own ſpirits, like the Falſe Prophets, and ſee nothing?

And the Apoſtle bids the *Theſſalonians, Deſpiſe not Prophecying.* But you do not only deſpiſe it, but you deny it, for any ſuch thing as Prophecy to be in your Church in your Day; ſo you deny the true Edification, and Comfort, and Learning, which was and is in the Church of Chriſt, as you may ſee in the 1 *Theſſ.* 5. and in the 1 *Cor.* 14, &c.

G. F.

And now concerning them which Deny INSPIRATION now adayes.

IN *Job* 32. 8. *Surely there is a Spirit in man, but the Inspiration of the Almighty giveth Understanding.* [Mark] The Inspiration of the Almighty giveth Understanding.

Now all you that deny the Inspiration of the Almighty, in these your dayes, to give you Understanding; then pray you, what Understanding have you? Is it not that which must come to nought? for it is written, *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will cast away the Understanding of the Prudent,* 1 Cor. 1. 19, &c.

And in 2 *Tim.* 3. 16. *For all Scripture given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable &c. that the Man of God may be made perfect in all Good works*; not the men of the World, for they deny Perfection.

Now if all holy Scripture be given forth by Inspiration of God, how can ye know the Scriptures that say, *Inspiration is Ceased?*

For the Natural Man perceiveth not the things of God, for they are Foolishness to him. And so was not the Prophets and Apostles Words Foolishness to the natural men in their natural Profession?

And is it not so now to you *Christians*, with all your Tongues and Languages, that say, *Inspiration is ceased*, and yet, *no man knows the Things of God but*

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by the Spirit of God. So as the Scriptures were given forth by the Inſpiration of God, ſo they are known again by the ſame Spirit. And therefore Chriſt ſaith, *I will ſend you the Spirit of Truth, he ſhall lead you into all Truth, and he ſhall bring to your Memories the things that I have ſpoken, and he ſhall ſhew you things to come,* and ſo make them Prophets; *and he ſhall take of mine, and give unto you.* So by this the Apoſtles did know the Scriptures, though they were Unlearned men, many of them, outwardly: For, the holy Ghoſt led them into the Truth of the Prophets and Holy Men of God, which ſpake forth Scriptures as they were moved by the holy Ghoſt, and ſhewed the fulfilling of them by Chriſt; and it brought to their Memories what Chriſt had ſpoken to them, which after they did record it, as you may ſee in the Four Evangeliſts. So the Scriptures, which were given forth by divine Inſpiration of God, is known again by divine Inſpiration of God. And they that deny divine Inſpiration of God now adayes, know not the Scriptures, that were given forth by Inſpiration, and therefore they are all in Heaps about them, and are not like to know them but by that Spirit that gave them forth, that Key that will open them, and that Tongue of the Learned, and without it they cannot read the Book, though they have all the Languages upon the Earth, but have not the Spirit of Inſpiration now adayes, as they confeſs, then they had better be ſtill, and wait upon the Lord for it; elſe they will be found of the number of them that run and the Lord never ſent them, and ſpeak

when the Lord never ſpoke unto them (and come under the Reproof of God, and his Prophets, and the Scriptures) but know none of God's Inſpiration; for they that have Inſpiration, have the Power and Spirit they had which gave forth the Scriptures: And they that have the Form of Godlineſs, and deny the Power and Spirit as the Apoſtles were in, are to be turned away from; for the Apoſtle ſaith, Turn away from ſuch; for they keep people alwayes learning, and never able to come to the Knowledge of the Truth. Seeing the Scriptures were given forth by Inſpiration, and are the things of God, they are not known again but by Inſpiration of the Holy Ghoſt, which leads into all Truth. And the Inſpiration of the Almighty gives the Underſtanding; and you that deny Inſpiration, deny this heavenly Underſtanding. And you that have all the Scriptures, from *Geneſis* to the *Revelations*, yet you know them not with your natural ſpirit of Underſtanding, nor by all the Tongues and Languages ſince *Babel*; nor none know them but by the Spirit of Inſpiration, that gave them forth.

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Now concerning the MEASURE of the SPIRIT, as God hath dealt to every man.

IN *Rom.* 12.3. it is written, *For I say, through the Grace that is given unto me, to every one that is among you, that no man presume to understand above that which is meet to understand, that he understand according to Sobriety, as God hath dealt to every man the Measure of Faith.* So you may see here, that the Apostle himself, and he would have the Church, not to presume to understand any further, but as God hath dealt to every man the Measure of Faith; if they did, they did presume above their measure: So, to understand as God hath dealt to every man the Measure of Faith, this keeps every man in the Faith and in the Grace, in their Measure. But you that have not the same Faith, which works by Love, which Christ is the Author and Finisher of, and walk despightfully against the Spirit of Grace, and turn from it into Wantonness, are in the Presumption, that would understand without the Faith, and the Grace and Light. You go beside the Apostle's Doctrine, and the Measure of Faith, the Measure of which God hath dealt to every man. So every man must look at the Grace and Faith which God hath dealt to him through Christ Jesus, who is the Author of it and Finisher,

Finither, and underſtand and walk by it, which was the Practice of the true Church and Exhortation of the true Miniſters.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in 2 *Cor.* 10. how the *Weapons of their Warfare were not Carnal, but mighty through God to caſt down ſtrong Holds, caſting down the Imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted againſt the Knowledge of God, and bringing into Captivity every high Thought, to the Obedience of Chriſt, &c.* Now, here was the ſpiritual Warfare & the ſpiritual Weapons; for ſaith he, *For we dare not make our ſelves of the Number, nor compare our ſelves to them which praiſe themſelves; but they underſtand not that they meaſure themſelves with themſelves*: This was a wrong Meaſure and Underſtanding, which the Apoſtle durſt not make himſelf of the number of ſuch as did ſo, who kept to his own Meaſure, neither can they which keep to the Meaſure which God hath diſtributed to them. But do not you now meaſure your ſelves by your ſelves, and praiſe your ſelves, who own not the Meaſure, and do not come to the Meaſure that God hath diſtributed? And do not you ſay, *That God doth not diſtribute immediately now, as he did in the Apoſtles Dayes?*

And further, the Apoſtle ſaith, *But we will not rejoyce in things without our Meaſure, but according to the Meaſure of the Rule, wherewith God had diſtributed unto us a Meaſure to attain even unto you.* So here the Apoſtles kept their Joy, within the Meaſure of the Rule that God had diſtributed to them: For he ſaith, *For we ſtretch not our ſelves be-*

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yond our Measure. So here again he kept within the Measure God had distributed to them; and likewise, would have the Church to do the same.

And further, the Apostle saith, *Not boasting of things which are without our Measure, that is, of other mens Labours; and we hope, when your Faith shall increase, to be magnified by you, according to our Rule, abundantly.* Now, see here what was the Apostles Rule, which they stretched not beyond, and did not boast out of it, nor did boast of other mens Labours; but this Measure and this Rule was that which God had distributed unto them: And you that have gone from this Rule and Measure, are not you boasting of other mens Labours (to wit) of the Prophets and Apostles, and call that your Rule, and Praising your selves, and measuring your selves, and stretching your selves besides that Measure and Rule which God hath distributed to them, and which the Apostle was in, & exhorted others unto; and also are boasting of things besides this Measure and Rule which God doth distribute to his Church and to the Apostles: So, by this measure and Rule they were to walk, which God had distributed to them then and now, by which Measure and Rule they knew the Scriptures and the things of God, which Rule and Measure God had distributed to them.

And further, the Apostle saith, That *they did not rejoyce or boast in other mens Lines, or in things made ready to our hand,* or prepared already. So here you may see, the Apostles kept to the Rule and Line that God had distributed to them. Now, do not you

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rejoyce and boast in other mens Lines now adayes; that is, in things made ready to your hands, and prepared already, and say, *that is your Rule* (to wit) the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles Words, which are other mens Labours and Lines, which they suffered for, for speaking forth the Apostles, Prophets and Holy Mens Labours, which you rejoyce and boast in, which are other mens Lines, prepared already to your Hands.

And are not you against the Measure of the Light, of the Grace, of the Spirit, of the Faith now, which we witness, with the Apostles? and you persecute such a Measure of the Rule which God hath distributed, which we rejoyce in and walk by, with which we know you are boasting in other mens Labours, that are made ready to your Hands: But let him that rejoyceth, rejoyce in the Lord, who distributes this Measure; for, not he that praises himself, and looks on things after the Outward Appearance, is allowed; but he whom the Lord praises, that walks according to the Measure of the Rule, as God hath distributed to him; in this God hath the Glory out of all Hearts; and the vain Rejoycer, and Boaster, and Comparers of themselves with themselves, which are not wise, and will boast of other mens Labours and Lines, and Works made ready to their hands, that is kept down; for that Boast and Joy is not of the Lord, neither he that praises himself; I say, that is kept down by the Measure of the Rule which God distributes; in which Measure and Rule God hath his Praise.

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And the Apoſtle ſaith, 2 *Cor.* 12. 6, 7. *Leſt any man ſhould think of me above that he ſeeth in me, or heareth of me, leſt I ſhould be exalted above meaſure, &c.* Now here you ſee the Humility the Apoſtle was in; he would have People, or the Church, not to think of him above what they ſee in him (to wit) his Meaſure, though he ſaw things not fit to be uttered; and when the Meſſenger of Satan was ſent to buffet him, and he beſought the Lord thrice, the Lord's Anſwer was to him, *My Grace is ſufficient for thee, and my Power and Strength is made perfect in Weakneſs*: And in this Strength, Power and Grace did the Apoſtle rejoyce, and in his Infirmities.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in *Epheſ.* 4. 7. *But to every one of us is given Grace, according to the Meaſure of the Gift of Chriſt.* And by this meaſure of Grace, the Gift of Chriſt, they did walk, and ſo muſt all true *Chriſtians*, by which they muſt walk, if they will grow in Grace; and if they grow up to the Meaſure of the Stature of the Fulneſs of Chriſt, they muſt grow in Grace.

And in *Gal.* 6. 14. the Apoſtle ſaith, *God forbid I ſhould rejoyce, but in the Croſs of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, whereby the World is crucified unto me, and I unto the World; for in Chriſt neither Circumciſion nor Uncircumciſion availeth any thing, but a New Creature; and as many as walk according to this Rule, Peace be upon them, and Mercy upon the* Iſrael *of God.*

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Concerning the RULE.

NOw mark you Professors of the Letters, that say, *The Scripture is your Rule*; Was not Circumcision of the Letter of the Scripture? and yet the Apostle saith, *It avails nothing, but a New Creature*: and that which the Apostle rejoyced in, was the Cross of Christ, in which he was crucified to the World, and the World to him. And is not the Cross of Christ the Power of God? And as many as walk according to this Rule, and rejoyce in it (to wit) the Cross of Christ, and the New Creature? I say, as many as walk according to this Rule, Peace be upon them, and Mercy, and upon the *Israel* of God. For the Apostle saith, *The Cross of Christ is the Power of God*; so that the Rule of the New Creature in Christ he sets forth to be the Rule. And you that have the Form of Godliness, and deny the Power thereof, and the having the Spirit that gave it forth now in your days, and call it your *Rule*, & yet walk quite contrary to it, are to be turned away from; yet not turn away from the Scriptures, but from you, that walk contrary to them, and the Spirit that gave them forth.

And the Apostle saith in *Phil.* 3. 16. *Nevertheless in that whereunto we are come, let us proceed by one Rule, that we may mind one thing*; for he had told them with Weeping of such as were Enemies to the Cross of Christ,

Chriſt, whoſe End is Damnation, whoſe God is their Belly, and glory in their Shame, who mind earthly things.

Now were not they Enemies to the Rule then, which was the Croſs of Chriſt, the Power of God? And what was this Rule they were to walk by? Was it not that which God had diſtributed to them, the Spirit of God? For theſe, whoſe Belly was their God, and gloried in their Shame, and minded earthly things, whoſe End was Damnation; theſe were a kind of *Chriſtians*, which its to be feared there is too many ſuch now, which were Enemies to the Croſs of Chriſt, which is the Power of God, which were to be turned away from: And was not the Grace of God, which God ſaid ſhould be ſufficient for *Paul*, and his Strength made perfect in his Weakneſs; was not this Grace and Strength a ſufficient Rule for *Paul*?

And doth not the Apoſtle ſay, *Let Chriſt Rule in your Hearts by Faith, who ſhall rule all Nations with a Rod of Iron*? So is not I e a ſufficient Rule in the Heart by Faith, and a ſufficient Rule to rule all Nations, *Rev.* 12. 5. yea, and ſufficient to rule the *Heathen*, *Rev.* 19. 15?

And doth not Chriſt ſay, *I will ſend you the Spirit of Truth, which ſhall lead you into all Truth, and bring to your Remembrance the Words I have ſpoken unto you*?

Is not this Spirit a ſufficient Rule, that leads into all Truth?

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And in *Neh.* 9. the Lord gave his good Spirit to the People, *his good Spirit to instruct them, and they rebelled against it.*

And were not they reproved for so doing? and was not that a sufficient Rule? and are not they the Sons of God that are led by the Spirit of God? and is not that a sufficient Rule to lead and guide?

And the Lord saith, *He that hath the Son, hath Life.*

And is not here a sufficient Rule?

And *John* said, *These things I have written unto you, concerning them that deceive you; but the Anointing which you have received of him, dwelleth in you; and you need not that any man teach you, but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is true, and is no Lye.*

And is not this a sufficient Rule, this Teacher, that people might see the Deceivers, and shun them?

And the Lord saith, *I will put my Laws in your Minds, and write them in your Hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people; and they shall not teach every man his Neighbour and every man his Brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all shall know me from the least of them to the greatest of them:* and is not this Law and New Covenant a sufficient Rule to know God by? And was not the Holy Ghost a sufficient Rule, that led *Moses* and the Prophets to give forth the Scriptures? And was not the Holy Ghost a sufficient Rule that led the Disciples and Apostles of Jesus Christ into all Truth, and see the fulfilling of the Law and Prophets in Christ,

Christ, and brought to their Memories the Words that Christ spoke, and afterwards to record them? & is not the same Holy Ghost a sufficient Rule for all *Christians* now to know God, & Christ, and the Scriptures, and lead them all into the Truth of them; in which Holy Ghost they must pray in, and have their Fellowship, seeing no man knows the things of God without the Spirit of God, which searcheth all things, and they are spiritually discerned, and the natural man perceives them not, they are Foolishness to him; and how can they be his Rule, when they are Foolishness to him, as in 1 *Cor.* 2.

And what Rule had *Abel*, and *Enoch*, and *Noah*, and *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*, and *Moses*, before Scriptures were given forth? did not they walk by Faith, which was the Gift of God, yea, and to be perfect? was not *Abraham* commanded to walk before him, and be perfect, which Perfection you cannot attain unto by your Rule, the Letter, and walking in the Oldness of the Letter; for you must serve God in the Newness of Life, and not in the Oldness of the Letter, *Rom.* 7. 6. *For the Letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth Life,* 2 Cor. 3. 6. And so, was not that Faith a sufficient Rule for all the Old Fathers to walk by? & must not we walk in the Steps of the Faith of our Father *Abraham*, *Rom.* 4. 12.

And the Apostle saith, *But he is a* Jew *who is one within, and the Circumcision is of the Heart, in the Spirit, and not in the Letter, whose Praise is not of men, but of God.*

So, is not he a *Christian* who is one within, in the Heart (and not the Letter) whose Praise is of God, and not of men, seeing that many may have the Form of Godliness, but deny the Power thereof, which are to be turned away from: And may not such say they are *Christians*, as the *Jews* said they were *Jews*, and were not, but the Synagogue of Satan?

And the Apostle said, *Henceforth know we no man after the Flesh, yea, though we have known Christ after the Flesh, yet henceforth know we him so no more*, 2 Cor. 5. 16.

And their Fellowship stood in the Spirit, and they were to know Christ and one another in the Spirit, and to keep the Unity of the Spirit, which is the Bond of Peace, yea, even of the Prince of Princes Peeae: but they that deny the having of that Spirit the Apostles were in, know not Christ, nor the Fellowship of the Saints, nor the Prince of Princes Peace.

And the Apostle saith in *Rom.* 15.18. *For I dare not speak of any thing which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the* Gentiles *obedient by Word and Deed.* Now mark, did not he keep to the Measure of the Rule which Christ had wrought in him?

Now, come all ye Priests and Professors in *Christendom*, and try your selves by the Scriptures, which you say is your Rule; how dare you speak any thing, to make People obedient in Word and Deed, that Christ hath not wrought in you or by you?

you? Are not you boasting of other men's Lines and Labours, that other men have made ready for your hands? Do not you want the Fear of God in your Hearts, as was in the Apostles, who durst not speak any thing but what Christ had wrought by them to make People obedient by Word and Deed? Ought not the Apostle here to be your Example? and then Christ would have the Glory of that which he works by you in People and in you, and your own Wills would be laid in the Dust. And therefore, is not all that which you speak to people, that which Christ hath not wrought in you and by you, like the False Prophets, using your Tongues, and the False Apostles boast of other mens Lines.

And the Apostle saith in *Romans* 3. 24. *And we are justified freely by his Grace, through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

And in *Romans* 4. 12, 16. *But unto them also that walk in the Steps of the Faith of our Father* Abraham. And is not this a Rule sufficient?

And in *Romans* 8. 1, 2. *Now there is no Condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the Flesh, but after the Spirit; for the Law of the Spirit of Life, which is in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the Law of Sin and Death.*

Now, is not this Spirit a sufficient Rule to walk by? But you that say it is not the Rule, do not you remain under Condemnation, under the Law of Sin and Death, pleading for it, and not for Freedom by the Law of the Spirit in Christ on this side the Grave.

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And further, the Apostle saith, *But if ye Mortifie the Deeds of the Flesh by the Spirit, ye shall live.* Therefore is not this Spirit a sufficient Rule to walk by?

And in 2 *Cor.* 5. the Apostle saith, *For we walk by Faith, and not by Sight.* [Mark, not by Sight] The Church was not to walk by Sight, but by Faith, which Christ is the Author of; and is not this sufficient? and who walk by Faith, they walk in the Steps of the Faith of our Father *Abraham*, his Faith, which was before Scriptures were written? and is not this a sufficient Rule for all the faithful, which is testified of in the Scripture, and was before Scripture was written; and which Scripture is to be believed, and fulfilled, and practised, &c.

And *Ephes.* 2.8. *By Grace are ye saved, through Faith, and not of your selves, it is the Gift of God.* So is not that sufficient to walk by, which saves?

And in 1 *John* 1.7. *If we walk in the Light, as he is in the Light, we have Fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, cleanses us from all Sin.*

So is not this Light sufficient to preserve the Fellowship, by walking in it? and is there any Cleansing from all Sin by the Blood of Jesus Christ, but first they must walk in the Light? There may be a talking of the Blood of Christ, and pleading for the Body of Sin and Death, and Imperfections to the Grave; so that only talking of the Blood of Christ will do them little good, and pleading for their Body of Sin and Death.

Death, and Imperfections to the Grave; that there they may be all buried in the Pit together, where there is no Repentance in the Grave, and give a man Ten or Twenty Shillings to preach them a Funeral-Sermon: And as it is in *Hebr.* 9. 27. *It is appointed unto all men, that they ſhould once dye, and after that come to Judgment.* And therefore conſider and mark this, and quench not the Spirit which God hath given you to profit withal; and do not reſiſt the holy Ghoſt, which Chriſt hath ſent to lead you into all Truth, and to reprove you; and hate not the Light which Chriſt hath enlightned you withal, that you may believe in it, and walk in it, that you may become Children of the Light, leſt it be your Condemnation: For is not the Light ſufficient to lead you, & guide you, and rule you, and to give you the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Chriſt Jeſus? And is not that the Treaſure which the Saints had in their earthen Veſſels, that the Excellency of the Power might be of God, and not of us, 2 *Cor.* 4. And rebel not againſt the Spirit, which God hath given you to inſtruct you, & to know the things of God by, & that in the ſpirit you may have Fellowſhip with the Saints: For if you rebel againſt his Good Spirit, what are all your Fellowſhips good for? and is not God's Spirit ſufficient? doth not Chriſt ſay, *It is the Spirit of the Father, that ſpeaks in you*? and is not that ſufficient to rule and to guide, and to ſerve and worſhip God in, in Spirit and Truth?

And did not the Apoſtle ſay in *Rom.* 1. 9. that he

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ſerved God in the Spirit. And is it not the Duty of all *Chriſtians*, to ſerve God in the Spirit? And is not that a ſufficient Rule that will teach them to know how to ſerve God (to wit, his holy Spirit) by which Spirit they may know God, and Chriſt, and the Scriptures, and know one another in the Spirit, and in it have Fellowſhip, and ſo keep the Unity of the Spirit, the Bond of Peace, yea, the Bond of the Prince of Princes, King of Kings and Lord of Lords Peace, which none can take away from them?

And doth not Chriſt ſay, *They that worſhip the Father, muſt worſhip him in Spirit and in Truth?* And is not that a ſufficient Rule, to worſhip him in, the Grace of God, which brings Salvation, which teacheth the Saints? is not this a ſufficient Rule to teach and to eſtabliſh the Heart, and ſeaſon thy Words, and bring Salvation?

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Rom.* 8.26. *Likewiſe the Spirit alſo helpeth our Infirmities.* So is not this Spirit ſufficient, that helps Peoples Infirmities? *And the Spirit it ſelf makes Interceſſion.*

And in *Gal.* 5.16. *I ſay, walk in the Spirit, and ye ſhall not fulfil the Luſts of the Fleſh.*

And is not this a ſufficient Rule for People to walk by?

And the Apoſtle ſaith in *Gal.* 2.19,20. *For I through the Law am dead to the Law, that I might live unto God; I am crucified with Chriſt, nevertheleſs I live, yet not I, but Chriſt liveth in me; and the Life that I now live in the Fleſh, I live by the Faith of the Son of God, who loved*

ved me, and gave himself for me. [Mark] This should be every CHRISTIAN's Life and Living.

Worcester *Prison, the 9th day of the 11th Moneth,* 1674.

George Fox.

For obeying the Command of Christ and the Apostle James *his Doctrine, who say,* Swear not at all, *Mat.* 5. *Jam.* 5.

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